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Wednesday 10th December 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we approach the last week of the Christmas term I wanted to write to remind you of the dates and times shared with you in the updated diary dates.

Nativity Performances

You do not need a ticket for these performances and we do not charge **however** we do ask for a charity donation (however big or small) which this year will be split between the Basingstoke Foodbank and Spotlight both of whom support families in our community throughout the year as well as at Christmas. Please do let family members who are attending know so they can bring along their donations. We do start promptly so please arrive ready for the performance. The hall doors will be open from **8.45am** in the morning for a 9am start and the gates will be open from **2.15pm** for a 2.30pm start. We do allow photography in the performances however we remind you that this is for your own personal use and is not to be posted on social media. We ask that if you want to stand to take photographs that you do so at the back of the hall rather than standing up in the audience. No siblings are allowed in the morning performances but are welcome to attend in the afternoon. The children have done an amazing job in their rehearsals this week and I am very proud of them...I recommend bringing your tissues and look forward to seeing you all for these performances.

Monday 15th December – Grasshoppers, Hedgehogs and Giraffes

9am – **adults only**

2.30pm – siblings welcome

Tuesday 16th December – Ladybirds, Squirrels and Elephants

9am – **adults only**

2.30pm – siblings welcome

Wednesday 17th December – Bumblebees, Rabbits and Lions

9am – **adults only**

2.30pm – siblings welcome

Thursday 18th December – Caterpillars, Badgers and Zebras

9am – **adults only**

2.30pm – siblings welcome



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Christmas Cards

You should have received a class list to aid in your Christmas card writing – this does not mean you have to send cards so please do not feel pressured to do so. The boxes will be outside of the classroom internal doors from Monday.

Forest School and P.E.

There will be no more Forest School or P.E. until the new year. Please do not send in your child's kit as they will not need it.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of term is Friday 19th December. This is the day that we invite the children to wear their Christmas jumpers (school uniform underneath and on the bottom half!). Our last day of term is truly magical with a special visitor who brings his reindeer with him! **A reminder that we finish at 1pm so there is no after school club on this day.**

All that it remains for me to say is thank you for all your support in 2025. To wish you and your families the happiest of festive seasons. I look forward welcoming your children back to school on **Monday 5th January 2025** where the children will be enjoying a theatre visit for the production of Aladdin.

With best wishes,

S. Giles-Cox

Susan Giles-Cox
Headteacher

